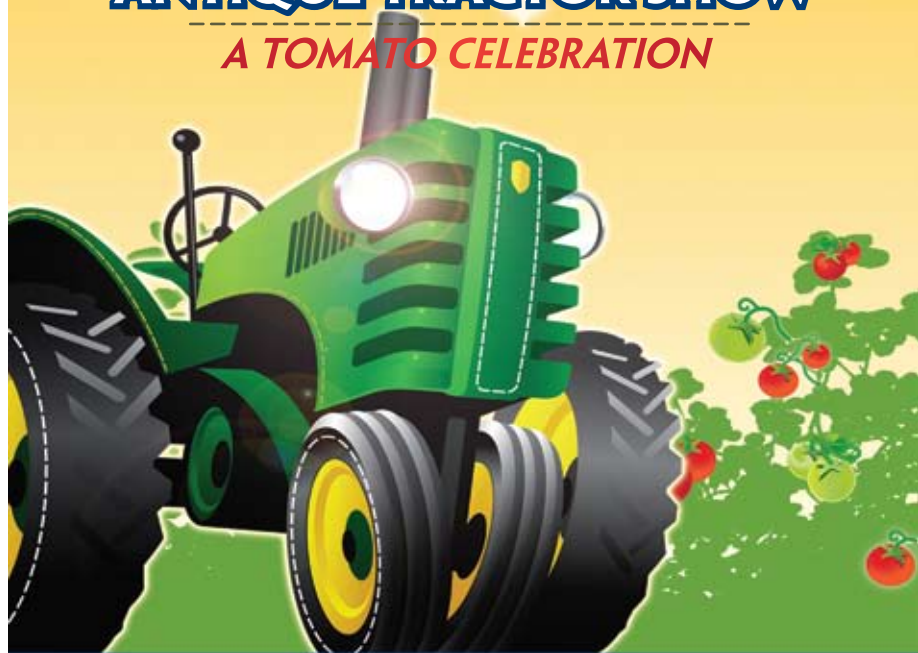




# PIONEER VILLAGE ANTIQUÉ TRACTOR SHOW

*A TOMATO CELEBRATION*



**MORE DAYS ★ MORE FUN!**  
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For the third consecutive year, the Indiana State Fair is showcasing an important Indiana agricultural crop. The highlight for 2009 is "Year of Tomatoes" presented by Red Gold.

Indiana ranks 3rd in the United States in the production of tomatoes for processing. More than 10,000 acres of Hoosier tomatoes were planted in 2007. That acreage produced more than 294,000 tons of processed tomatoes and 25.5 million pounds of fresh tomatoes. Approximately 80 percent of the crop went into high value products such as whole tomatoes, diced tomatoes or salsa. The remaining 20 percent were made into ketchup, sauces, and juice.

## THE NEW LOOK AROUND THE VILLAGE CONTINUES...



Last year, the Normandy Barn and the Reynolds Building were unveiled. This year you will see even more changes around Pioneer Village. To start with, the Antique Tractor Barn is no longer a tractor barn. It is being converted into an Opry House, and will be the home of several new and different activities in addition to the ever popular Farm Toy Show and Old Time Auction. Some of the new activities planned include a tribute to the WLS National Barn Dance, the Traditional Arts Indiana State Fair Fiddle Contest, and a Liar's Contest. As soon as the new corn crib and granary, which were built during the fair last year, finds its placement on the grounds, a metal roof will cover the two sections with a driveway though the center.

In addition, the grass in the lot where we had the big tent has been replaced with stone, the rail fences have been taken down, and the area is now a parking lot for The Barn. If we were to put up our usual tent, we feel that the additional dust would be detrimental to the fine paint jobs on many of the tractors. So in order to overcome that problem and to help keep expenses down, **there will be no tractor tents this year.** Do not despair, there will be a gathering tent for shade, and we have plans to make the tractor display more impressive than ever! As you are probably aware, the Fair is being expanded to three weekends for a total of 17 days. Expect even more people visiting the Pioneer Village!

## ENTRY INFORMATION



**The deadline for entry this year is July 1st** as in the past. The entry fee is \$30.00 and may include up to 2 tractors per entry form. A maximum of 2 tractors will be accepted from any one address.

**If an entry form is postmarked July 2nd through July 31st a late fee of \$50.00 (plus the \$30.00 entry fee) will be charged. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER July 31, 2009.**

# A FEW HELPFUL RULES



## For the Antique Tractor Show (including the Daily Parades)

### 1. Your entry must be postmarked no later than July 1st.

2. You are limited to 2 tractors per address. You may show them both or one for you and one for your spouse or child. The entry fee of \$30 is for each individual entrant, not the number of tractors. You will receive a book of six admission tickets and a parking tag. A limit of four additional books of tickets may be purchased at a cost of \$30.00 per book.

3. Tractors must be a 1978 model or older. Garden tractors, homemade, or highly modified machines may not be entered. We prefer that any tractor newer than 1970 be a large one.

4. You may bring towed implements or wagons, but please no huge bulky ones. These tools will be parked in a separate area. If you have a mounted tool on your tractor, you may be parked somewhere other than in the regular parking areas unless the total length is less than the average tractor.

5. Each tractor driver must have a valid driver's license.

6. **Absolutely no passengers are allowed on the tractor in the Farmers Day Parade unless it contains a second seat.** Remember, **SAFETY FIRST**, at all times.

7. **PLEASE, NO TRACTORS PRIOR TO TUESDAY, AUGUST 4th. DO NOT BRING TRACTORS ON THE WEEKEND PRIOR TO THE START OF THE FAIR AS NO ONE WILL BE THERE TO CHECK YOU IN! Bringing your tractor early will not guarantee you a special spot as the Tractor show staff reserve the right to assign all parking spots.** We plan to arrange the tractors in a manner to show them off to their best advantage and to tell a story about the evolution of the farm tractor.

8. Enter gate 10 off of 42nd Street. Drive to the Pioneer Village area to unload. Remove your truck or trailer from the immediate area as soon as you are unloaded. If you intend to leave your truck or trailer at the Fairgrounds, you must take it to the 46th Street parking lot for safe storage. Be sure to have your tractor on the grounds by Thursday evening, August 6th.

9. Check in with a member of the tractor show staff when you arrive to learn where you are to park your tractor.

10. At times it may be necessary for us to move your tractor, so be sure to leave a key and any special starting information with one of the staff. Only experienced drivers will be allowed to move any tractor.

11. You are encouraged to participate in the evening parade whenever possible. John Stegemoller and Tom Lyle are the parade marshals and will lead the parade. In order to keep the traffic problems and air pollution to a minimum, **do not start your tractor or move it out of your parking space until you are called.**

12. While on the parade route be especially watchful for children and pedestrians. **Please do not throw candy!** The crowding is fearsome and people just don't understand the danger of a clumsy old tractor. Keep the ranks closed in the parade. We have lots of tractors to get through in the short time allotted. This also helps to keep people from walking in front of your tractor.

13. Sunday, August 23rd is expected to be one of the biggest crowds of the Fair. People who come that day are entitled to see the entire fair, so **no tractors may be removed prior to 9:00 P.M. on that day**. Park your truck in the Deaf School parking lot and load your tractors in that area. We will have a complete staff of people available on Monday after the Fair, so you may prefer to wait until then to take your tractor home.

14. Plan to participate in the Veterans Parade at 6:30 P.M. on Sunday evening the 23rd. This will be a fitting finale to the 2009 Great Indiana State Fair. All of us will be on hand to participate in the finale.

15. We have several groups that have floats to be pulled in the Daily Parades. If you would like to pull one of them, please contact John Stegemoller as he will be handling the project.

16. It is mutually agreed that the Indiana State Fair assumes no liability for loss to property or by reason of any claim for personal injury, including death. The exhibitor herein agrees to release, discharge, and indemnify the Indiana State Fair, its component members, and their successors from liability by reason of injury to property and/or persons, including death, which may occur within or upon the premises herein described in any manner connected with use thereof by exhibitor.

17. We highly recommend that you have insurance to cover you and your tractor in case of an accident.

## THE PARTICIPATION PLAQUE



Once again we are presenting a beautiful plaque to a tractor exhibitor. A committee will determine the winner, based on the exhibitor's dedication to presenting their tractor in an attractive and explicit fashion and in keeping with the theme. In addition the committee will be looking for an individual or family who embraces the spirit of the Pioneer Village, is active in the many activities of the organization and is a great representative of the agriculture profession.

The presentation will be made at the tractor exhibitor's hog roast on Saturday, August 22nd.

## TRACTOR SIGNAGE



We know that many of you save your signs that we prepare for you from year to year. If you are planning to exhibit the same tractor as you did last year and your sign is in good shape, please bring it with you. This will save us the expense of preparing a new one. Please indicate on your entry form if you can use the same sign as last year.

***Look for the Schedule of Events in the  
upcoming newsletter.***

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